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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1046

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide reimbursement under the Medicare Program for all physicians' services furnished by doctors of chiropractic within the scope of their license.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 1999

Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Chiropractic Patients' Freedom of Choice Act of 1999".

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SEC. 2. PROVIDING MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALL PHYSICIANS' SERVICES FURNISHED BY DOCTORS OF CHIROPRACTIC WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR LICENSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (5) of section 1861(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r)) is amended to read as follows: "(5) a doctor of chiropractic who is licensed as such by the State and who meets uniform minimum standards promulgated by the Secretary, with respects to treatment by means of manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, and related diagnostic and therapeutic services as identified in subsection (s), but only with the respect to functions which he or she is legally authorized to perform by the State in which he or she performs such functions.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 2000.

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